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NOTICES AND REPORTS

Council Meeting Minutes

Tentative Draft: Minutes of the 368th Meeting of the Council, San Francisco, March 19, 1950.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Shipman in Room 214 of the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, San Francisco, on Sunday, March 19, 1950, at 9:15 a.m.

Roll Call:

Present were President Kneeshaw, President-elect Cass, Speaker Alesen, Vice-Speaker Charnock, Councilors Ball, Crane, Henderson, Anderson, Ray, Montgomery, Lum, Pollock, Green, Shipman, Bailey, West, MacLean, Frees and Thompson, Secretary Garland and Editor Wilbur. A quorum present and acting.

Present by invitation were Executive Secretary Hunton, Assistant Executive Secretary Wheeler, Field Secretary Clancy, Legal Counsel Hassard, county society executive secretaries Kihm of San Francisco, Tobitt of Orange, Young of San Diego, Donovan of Santa Clara, Gillette of Fresno and Wood of San Mateo; Dr. D. H. Murray, legislative chairman; Dr. Wilton L. Halverson, state Director of Public Health; Dr. John R. Upton, Blood Bank Commission chairman; Dr. John W. Cline, A.M.A. Delegate; Dr. E. V. Askey, A.M.A. Delegate; Messrs. Clem Whitaker, Jr., and Ned Burman of public relations counsel. Present as guests during a portion of the meeting were Hon. Fred N. Howser, state Attorney General, and Hon. Ray Darby, chairman of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

1. *Minutes for Approval:*

(a) On motion duly made and seconded, following one amendment, minutes of the 367th meeting of the Council, held January 14, 1950, were approved.

(b) On motion duly made and seconded, minutes of the 219th meeting of the Executive Committee, held February 19, 1950, were approved.

2. *Membership:*

(a) A report of membership as of March 17, 1950, was received and ordered filed.

(b) On motion duly made and seconded, five members whose 1949 dues had been received since the last Council meeting were voted reinstatement as active members.

(c) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, 13 applicants were elected to Associate Membership. These were:

Alameda County: William H. Clark, Joseph B. Cushman, Francis H. McMahon, Thomas R. Meagher, Edgar Rosen, James G. Telfer, James M. Tucker.

San Francisco County: H. N. Hultgren, Henry H. Jones, Louise E. Taber.

Ventura County: Harold E. Day, Benjamin Jacobs, Stella Stenley.

(d) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, seven applicants were elected to Life Membership. These were:

Los Angeles County: J. Park Dougall, A. Ray Irvine, Scott D. Gleeten.

Sacramento County: William H. Pope, J. E. Yates.

San Luis Obispo County: F. R. Mugler.

San Mateo County: Harper Peddicord.

(e) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, 28 applicants were elected to Retired Membership. These were:

Alameda County: W. L. Channel.

Fresno County: Everett Morris, James Elmo Pen-dergrass.

Los Angeles County: Clarence V. Clemmer, G. A. Fielding, Virgil L. Fisher, Joseph O. Hayhurst, Charles S. James, Russell A. Jewett, Edward J. Johnson, Mila J. Kinney, Rollan W. Kraft, Arthur Mark, Roy Robert Miller, Richard J. Morrison, Walter E. Nichols, Herbert L. Plannette, Harrison A. Putnam, Melvin J. Rowe, Leander Wm. Stark.

Sacramento County: Clarence H. McDonnell.

San Diego County: Horace G. Merrill.

San Francisco County: Leonard W. Buck, Philip Collischonn, R. W. Harbaugh, Chester B. Moore.

Tulare County: W. W. Tourtillott.

Ventura County: John W. Bardill.

(f) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, 32 applicants were granted a reduction in

dues because of illness or absence from practice for postgraduate study.

(g) On nomination of the San Diego County Medical Society, Dr. Alex Lesem was presented as a candidate for Council nomination to the House of Delegates for election to Honorary Membership. Action was deferred until Councilor West could investigate details and make a further report to the Council.

3. *Financial:*

(a) A report of bank balances as of March 17, 1950, was received and ordered filed.

(b) A report of receipts and expenditures for February and for the eight months ended February 28, 1950, previously mailed to the Council, was ordered filed.

(c) On motion duly made and seconded, legal counsel was instructed to prepare amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws to provide for the collection and enforcement by the Association of dues or assessments levied by the American Medical Association and similar amendments for consideration by the county societies.

(d) Chairman MacLean of the Auditing Committee presented an outline of a budget for the 1950-1951 fiscal year, in which the items for dues and for public relations expenditures were omitted. Dr. MacLean reported the opinion of the auditing committee that consideration be given to elimination of the current radio program and establishment within the Association of a public relations department. Following considerable discussion, it was regularly moved, seconded and voted that the Auditing Committee review this situation and make a further report to the Council.

On motion duly made and seconded, the report of the auditing committee on the outlined 1950-1951 budget was accepted.

4. *State Department of Public Health:*

Dr. Wilton L. Halverson, State Director of Public Health, discussed preparations being made by the State Disaster Council for an air detection service, training of monitors for atomic defense, and other emergency measures. He anticipates the establishment of a health division in the atomic defense setup.

Dr. Halverson reported that the bureau of Crippled Children's Services was conferring with Dr. Alesen's committee through its advisory committee. He also reported that the Cancer Commission of the Association and the American Cancer Society have plans under consideration to purchase ten copies of a cancer detection film to be shown to county medical societies and that his department is ready to bear the \$2,000 cost of this purchase.

A contemplated morbidity survey was discussed by Dr. Halverson, who asked that a representative of the Association be named to serve on the advisory committee. It was regularly moved, seconded and voted that the Chairman make such appointment.

Dr. Halverson reported that the health problem posed by destitute migratory workers had lessened but was still present; several thousand are still living on available surplus food items. He suggested that this problem be considered as permanent.

5. *Benevolence Committee:*

It was reported that there had recently been a circularization of the county medical societies by the Los Angeles County Physicians' Aid Association for construction funds to finance a rest home planned in Los Angeles County. Dr. Crane reported that similar request had been made of all state medical associations, with a view toward ascertaining whether or not such associations would be interested in making this project national in scope. Several speakers pointed out the unlimited scope and potential expense of such a welfare program. Some suggested that the problem of aid to infirm or needy physicians was a *county* rather than a state problem. Dr. Anderson was requested to secure specific information as to the contemplated costs and general policy of the proposed rest home. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to allocate space to the Los Angeles County Physicians' Aid Association at the 1950 Annual Session.

6. *Blood Bank Commission:*

Dr. John R. Upton, chairman of the Blood Bank Commission, reported that the Red Cross had requested reciprocal arrangements with community blood banks, which the commission had approved on the basis of exchange of records of replacements and with a service charge of \$6.00 per unit to be assessed by the creditor; replacements at the rate of two units for one received would cancel the service charge.

Dr. Upton asked that a loan fund of \$150,000 be established to aid new county society-sponsored blood banks in getting started, loans from this fund to be made without interest and with the stipulation that matching funds be secured from other sources. He also reported that the community blood banks already in operation had voted to establish a statewide organization, the Association of California Blood Banks, for the exchange of statistics, standardization of techniques and equipment and other purposes.

It was regularly moved and seconded that a loan fund of \$150,000 be established by the Association to provide loans to community blood banks, such loans to be made without interest and on the recommendation of the Blood Bank Commission with approval of the Auditing Committee. An amended motion to refer this matter to the Auditing Committee for further study was lost. After considerable discussion, it was regularly moved, seconded and voted to table the original motion. Dr. Upton was requested to present this matter before the House of Delegates on April 30.

7. *Executive Session:*

At this point the Council voted to go into executive session. In this period, among other things,

Dr. John W. Cline requested authority and financing to provide entertainment for two days prior to the A.M.A. Annual Session to the Officers and Trustees of the A.M.A. It was regularly moved, seconded and voted to authorize this proposal.

Following discussion of several items, the Council voted to rise from executive session.

8. *Public Policy and Legislation:*

Dr. D. H. Murray, chairman of the committee on Public Policy and Legislation, discussed the coming elections and called attention to the need of all voters supporting candidates whose records and views were in accord with sound democratic principles.

9. *Legal Department:*

Mr. Howard Hassard, legal counsel, discussed several recent court decisions pertaining to expert testimony. A joint opinion of Mr. Hassard and Mr. A. J. Kennedy, attorney for state dental associations, regarding hypnotic drugs, was presented and discussed. Mr. Hassard also reported on the meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, which was attended by Dr. Louis Regan as a C.M.A. representative. More than one hundred attended this meeting, at which a permanent organization was established and Dr. Regan elected a member of the Executive Committee. It was regularly moved, seconded and voted to request Dr. Regan to continue as a C.M.A. representative in this body.

10. *Committee on Public Health and Public Agencies:*

Dr. Alesen, chairman, recommended that the Council appoint one of its members to work with the advisory committee to the Crippled Children's Bureau of the State Department of Public Health and it was regularly moved, seconded and voted that such appointment be made. The Chairman, with the consent of the Council, appointed Dr. Hartzell Ray in this capacity.

Dr. C. V. Thompson reported on a meeting held January 27 with hospital representatives, at which time discussion was held on by-laws and other articles to govern staff organizations of district hospitals. Further meetings along this line are planned.

11. *Nursing:*

(a) Consideration was given to adoption of a statement on nursing, in which the Association's attitude might be outlined. After discussion it was regularly moved, seconded and voted that no action be taken at this time.

(b) A request for the appropriation of \$2,500 toward a fund to provide an organized campaign of student nurse recruitment was received and after discussion it was regularly moved, seconded and voted to make such appropriation, with the understanding that the balance of a budgeted \$10,000 program were realized from other sources.

12. *Industrial Medical Fees:*

Mr. Hassard discussed possible procedures in connection with a number of claims filed with the In-

dustrial Accident Commission for adjustment of medical fees claimed during a period when the Commission did not recognize any fee schedule. After discussion it was regularly moved, seconded and voted that letters be sent to all such claimant physicians, the Commission being willing, stating that the settlement of such claims should be considered an individual matter.

13. *American Medical Association:*

(a) A suggestion by the A.M.A. that statewide grievance committees be established was discussed and it was pointed out that many county societies already maintain such committees but that in some of the smaller societies such committees, while called upon infrequently, are not effective. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to establish a statewide committee, to function when called upon by the county societies.

(b) At his request, Dr. Lewis A. Alesen was succeeded as chairman of the Committee on Emergency Medical Services by Dr. Justin J. Stein of Los Angeles. It was agreed that Dr. Stein's expenses be met for a May meeting in Chicago of the Council on Emergency Medical Service of the A.M.A.

(c) On motion duly made and seconded, Dr. Allen Hinman of San Francisco was appointed California representative at the 1950 A.M.A. "Grass Roots Conference" of county society officers.

14. *Tribute to Dr. George Dock:*

On motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, George Dock has distinguished himself as teacher, clinician and scholar; and

Whereas, He has brought great prestige, erudition and clear thinking to the profession of medicine; and

Whereas, He has for three decades given freely of his learning and scholarship to the profession in California; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Council of the California Medical Association presents greetings and hearty best wishes to Dr. George Dock on the happy occasion of his ninetieth birthday.

Done in the City of San Francisco at the 368th Meeting of the Council of the California Medical Association, this 19th day of March, A.D. 1950.

15. *Cancer Commission:*

Dr. Kneeshaw read a report presented by Dr. Lyell C. Kinney, chairman of the Cancer Commission, on conferences held in the past year and contemplated for next year. This report was ordered accepted, with thanks to Dr. Kinney, and referred to the Editor for consideration for publication.

16. *Committee on Voluntary Health Insurance:*

Dr. Donald A. Lum, chairman of the special Committee on Voluntary Health Insurance, reported that his committee (Ray and Ball, members) had determined that it was not practicable at this time to enter into either of two proposals which have been

under consideration by the committee. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve this report.

17. *Committee on Medical Students, Interns and Residents:*

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to authorize the Committee on Medical Students, Interns and Residents to offer copies of a pamphlet to those requesting it. It was also suggested that this committee confer with public relations counsel in planning further editions of its publication, *Future*.

18. *Time and Place of Next Meeting:*

It was agreed to hold the next meeting of the Council at Hotel del Coronado, San Diego, at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, April 29, 1950.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

S. J. SHIPMAN, M.D., *Chairman*
L. H. GARLAND, M.D., *Secretary*

Executive Committee Minutes

Tentative Draft: Minutes of the 220th Meeting of the Executive Committee, San Francisco, March 19, 1950.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman MacLean in Room 214 of the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, San Francisco, on March 19, 1950, at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present were President Kneeshaw, President-Elect Cass, Speaker Alesen, Council Chairman Shipman and Auditing Committee Chairman MacLean. A quorum present and acting.

1. *Rotation of Auditors:*

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to employ a new auditor to audit the books of the Association, such auditor to be selected and instructed by the Auditing Committee. It was the feeling of the committee that quinquennial or decennial rotation of auditors should be a recommended policy of the Association.

2. *Reception for President:*

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to hold as a part of the Annual Session a reception to the President, to be attended by the President's personal guests, members of the Council, guest speakers and chairmen of those sections with invited guests.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

H. G. MACLEAN, M.D., *Chairman*
L. H. GARLAND, M.D., *Secretary*

In Memoriam

BAKER, CLARK DYER. Died in Los Angeles, February 23, 1950, aged 73. Graduate of Rush Medical College, 1903. Licensed in California in 1908. Dr. Baker was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, and a retired member of the California Medical Association.



BOONE, WILLIAM ROSCOE. Died in Berkeley, March 21, 1950, aged 65, of coronary occlusion. Graduate of the Oakland College of Medicine and Surgery, 1912. Licensed in California in 1912. Dr. Boone was a member of the Alameda County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.



CHAMBERLIN, HARRIE H. Died in Los Angeles, March 10, 1950, aged 67, of a heart attack. Graduate of the University of Southern California School of Medicine, Los Angeles, 1906. Licensed in California in 1906. Dr. Chamberlin was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, and a life member of the California Medical Association.



DARROW, ARTHUR CHARLES. Died in San Fernando, February 17, 1950, aged 39, of virus pneumonia complicated by acute pulmonary edema. Graduate of the Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, 1936. Licensed in California in 1945. Dr. Darrow was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.



DEPUY, CLARENCE AUGUSTUS. Died in Oakland, March 12, 1950, aged 67, of acute coronary occlusion. Graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of San Francisco, 1905. Licensed in California in 1906. Dr. DePuy was a member of the Alameda County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.



DUNN, RICHARD HENRY. Died in San Francisco, March 4, 1950, aged 68, of a heart attack. Graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of San Francisco, 1906. Licensed in California in 1907. Dr. Dunn was a member of the San Francisco County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.



GARSTANG, DONALD BUIE. Died in Los Angeles, March 5, 1950, aged 71. Graduate of the Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, 1904. Licensed in California in 1919. Dr. Garstang was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.



HUNTINGTON, HERBERT ARTHUR. Died in West Los Angeles, March 18, 1950, aged 57, of a heart attack. Graduate of Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford University-San Francisco, 1926. Licensed in California in 1926. Dr. Huntington was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.